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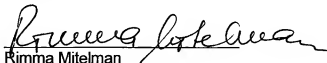
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of these remarks in conjunction with the Amendment and Remarks submitted on December 8, 2008.

Applicants attach Rule 132 Declaration from the co-inventor of the present application. It can be seen from the results in the Declaration that the direct violet dyes within the scope of the amended claims resulted in substantially greater whiteness performance than the dyes taught by the cited reference (Trimmer et al.) Applicants respectfully request that these remarks and Declaration be entered into the record and the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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